

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2025

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on December 16, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jason Beatty

Jeff Rager, V. P.

Ed Craft

Gwen Dellett

Mark Dellett, Mayor

Scott Fuller

Todd Hepner

Dan Hewitt, Solicitor - Absent

Chuck O'Shell

Cheryl Priest, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

No report.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Patrick Goggin gave the November 2025 Police Report. St. Clair Township had five (5) Disorderly Conducts citations, one (1) open container citation. Two (2) reported felonies for tampering with telecommunications at a cell phone tower. One (1) reportable accident (deer), and one (1) reportable accident in the Roadway Plaza. The department assisted Sherriff's Department eviction/arrest. Seward Borough had one (1) disorderly conduct and one (1) report theft of a fence from the Fire Hall. New Florence had a traffic citation. The department also applied for several grants in November and in fact did receive two (2) automatic defibrillators and both are currently in service.

Jeff Rager asked Chief Goggin if he had specific days they patrol/monitor traffic in New Florence. His response was weather related, and manpower was down and now they are back to full staff four (4) officers.

Mark Dellett also raised a question regarding hiring additional manpower the first of the year, Chief Goggin said three (3) applications were received and the township is in the process of interviewing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of November 18, 2025 as written. The motion was seconded by Scott Fuller. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept November 18, 2025, Treasurer's Report as written. Todd Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Beatty held a discussion with the council on renewing the 7 Month CD with Somerset Trust.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT – Todd Hepner, Chair. Scott Fuller, second.

Al Thomas noted the spreader is on the borough truck and working.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O'Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second
The grinding on the sidewalks are complete. Manhole covers need replaced.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Todd Hepner, Second
No report.

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Todd Hepner, Second
No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mark Dellett received multiple calls on December 9, 2025 somebody dressed in black, quad not lit up and doing an excess of sixty (60) miles an hour flying up and down the streets of this town, people are not happy. This is happening between 7 and 8 pm.

Mayor Mark Dellett also received a call saying they were very pleased with the plowing done by Al Thomas.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Jason Beatty mentioned the sidewalk grinding has been completed by Parrish Contracting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Beatty discussed writing the grant application with Pam Hysong on the generator for the Senior Center through Ligonier Endowment. Gwen Dellett made a motion to apply for the grant through the Ligonier Endowment to do the Senior Center. Jeff Rager seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

Jason Beatty addressed the 2026 Budget with the council. Jeff Rager made a motion to approve the 2026 New Florence Budget. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Beatty read Ordinance No. 2 of 2025 to the council. Chuck O'Shell made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2 of 2025. The motion was seconded by Gwen Dellett. All in favor. Ed Craft opposed.

Jason Beatty called for an Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss personnel. Executive Session ended at 7:25 p.m.

ADJOURN

Todd Hepner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Fuller. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.